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VACCINE POINTS

"Vaccine Points" is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health
to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question: Who is often described as the vaccine developer who may have saved more lives than any other scientist of the 20th century?

Answer: Maurice Hilleman



Dr. Maurice Hilleman is considered by many to be the father of modern vaccines. Over the course of his career, he developed eight of the vaccines that are routinely recommended for children today, including measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, pneumococcus, and meningococcus. In addition, Dr. Hilleman made breakthroughs critical to our understanding of influenza, including changes in the flu virus known as "drift." He was the first person in history to predict a pandemic. Dr. Hilleman has been credited with developing more vaccines than any other person in history. His work is estimated to save about eight million lives every year. Dr. Hilleman is recognized for having changed the face of the world by providing the means to prevent and control a number of its most important diseases.

Source: *Hilleman: A Perilous Quest to Save the World's Children* <https://hillemanfilm.com/>